

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully studied the outstanding Office Action. The present amendment is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner, and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Drawings

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's approval of the proposed drawing corrections. Corrected sheets of drawings are appended hereto.

Claim rejections - 35 USC § 102.

Claim 112 has been rejected under U.S.C. § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Falcoff et al (US 4,511,251), of record. Claim 112 has been cancelled without prejudice, thereby rendering the Examiner's rejection moot.

Allowable subject matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 114-118, being objected to as based on a rejected base claim, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The applicants have cancelled dependent claims 114-118 without prejudice, and herewith file new independent claims 138-142, which recite the elements of claims 114-118 respectively, including all of the limitations of the base claim 112, as suggested by the Examiner. The applicants respectfully submit that claims 138-142 do not add any new matter over originally filed claims 114-118 and 112, and should therefore be deemed allowable.

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Allowed claims

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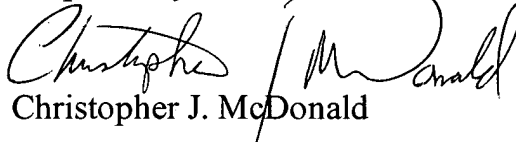
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The applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 51-111, 113 and 119-137 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Conclusion

In the light of all of the above arguments, the applicants respectfully submit that claims 51-111, 113, 119-137 and new claims 138-142 are allowable. Reconsideration and prompt allowance of this application are therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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